

NEWPORT PAGNELL RURAL DISTRICT

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTHFOR THE YEAR 1941Interim ReportSection A. GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	61,686
Number of Inhabited Houses	4,320
Rateable Value	£. 59,225
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£.241/16/6.

Section B. EVACUATION

The Hostel for unbilletable children at High Street, Olney, has worked well.

The Staff consists of a Superintendent-Clerk and three Helpers, a Cook (who is non-resident) and two daily women who do cleaning.

The medical attention has been given by Dr. Dickenson of Olney.

The average number of children at any one time has been about 20.

Section C. WATER

The supply throughout the year has been satisfactory.

New connections to 109 houses have been made.

Bacteriological examination of the Olney source was made every three months. All the reports of the Analysts show that the water was satisfactory in every way.

The Chlorinating Plant at Olney has been in operation during the year, and has proved quite satisfactory.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

The various Sewerage Works have been in operation with satisfactory results. The sewer ditches have been cleaned.

SCAVENGING

During the year a fresh scheme was inaugurated for Clifton Reynes & Newton Blossomville and is now in full working order. It has proved quite satisfactory.

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Section D.

HOUSING

There is very little to report under this heading.
No new houses have been constructed during the year.

Any complaints of overcrowding which have been received have been investigated and dealt with as far as circumstances would allow.

Section E.

MILK

Several dairies and cowsheds have been re-conditioned.
One cowshed has been constructed.

Farmers have experienced great difficulty in obtaining adequate labour, but they are doing their best.

Regular inspections have been carried out.

Nine new Milk Producers have been added to the list during the year. The premises of these have been inspected and found satisfactory.

FOOD PREMISES

Routine inspections have been made and, where improvements have been suggested, have been carried out by the owners.

Section F.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Table I

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during Year 1941.

Disease.	Total Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Pneumonia	11	-	
Scarlet Fever	12	7	
Puerperal Pyrexia	11	-	
Diphtheria	9	8	
Acute Polio-myelitis	1	1	
Whooping Cough	6	-	

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Pneumonia

The cases notified occurred in the following Parishes :-

Parish	Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.
Shenley Church End	1.	-
Olney	2	-
Bow Brickhill	1	-
Woughton	1	-
Woolstone	1	-
Loughton	2	-
Castlethorpe	1	-
Hanslope	1	-
Woburn Sands	1	-

Scarlet Fever

Lathbury	1	1
Shenley Church End	1	1
Tyringham	1	-
Hanslope	1	1
Bow Brickhill	1	1
Woburn Sands	1	-
Haversham	3	-
Old Bradwell	3	3

Puerperal Pyrexia

Tyringham	9	-
Little Brickhill	1	-
Olney	1	-

Diphtheria

Olney	5	5
Old Bradwell	1	-
Emberton	1	1
Little Brickhill	1	1
Woburn Sands	1	1

Polio-Myelitis

Emberton	1	1
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Whooping Cough

Olney	4	-
Little Brickhill	1	-
Lavendon	1	-

Table 2.

DISEASE		Diphth- eria.	Scarlet Fever.	Pneu- monia.	Puer- peral Pyrexia	Polio Myelitis	Whooping Cough	
Age Period		Notific- ations.	Admitted Hospital.	N. A. to H.	N. A. to H.	N. A. to H.	N. A. to H.	
Under 1 yr.					1			
1 - 2 yrs.				2	1		2	1
2 - 3 "		1	1		1		1	
3 - 4 "							1	
4 - 5 "				1	1			
5 - 10 "		5	5	5	4	2	1	1
10 - 15 "		1	1	1	-		1	-
15 - 20 "				1	-	2		
20 - 35 "		2	1	2	2	9		
35 - 45 "								
45 - 65 "					3			
Over 65 "					3			
Total:-		9	8	12	7	11	1	1

Table 3.

TUBERCULOSIS - New Cases and Mortality during 1941

Age Period	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 yr.								
1 - 5 yrs.								
5 - 10 "			2					
10 - 15 "				1				
15 - 20 "								
20 - 25 "	2							
25 - 35 "		3			2	2		
35 - 45 "					1			
45 - 55 "								
55 - 65 "								
Over 65 "								

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION

On instructions from the Ministry of Health a Scheme for the Immunization of children under 15 years was prepared and carried out during the year.

Each Department of the Elementary School was visited and two Private Schools, also the Welfare Centre.

I should like to record my appreciation of the help given by all concerned, namely, the Education Authorities at Aylesbury, Teachers at the various schools and the Local Practitioners, also the District Nurses.

Leaflets stressing the importance of immunization were distributed through the Teachers to every parent of children attending school.

The following is a Summary of Children Immunized:-

	<u>Under 5 yrs.</u>	<u>Over 5 yrs. and under 15 years.</u>
	185	1,720
Estimated) population)	800	2,800
Percentage:-	23%.	61.4%.

The Immunizing Agent employed was A.P.T. supplied by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service, Oxford.

This concludes my Report.

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